

Perceptual Distortions in Combat

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Based on Survey of 141 Officers

- 85% Diminished Sound (auditory exclusion)
- 16% Intensified Sounds
- 80% Tunnel Vision
- 74% Automatic Pilot ("Scared Speechless")
- 72% Heightened Visual Clarity
- 65% Slow Motion Time
- 7% Temporary Paralysis
- 51% Memory Loss for Parts of the Event
- 47% Memory Loss for Some of Your Actions ("Perseveration")
- 40% Dissociation (detachment)
- 26% Intrusive Distracting Thoughts
- 22% Memory Distortions ("Perceptual Set?")
(Role of fear and past associations)
(Role of videotaping)
- 16% Fast Motion Time

For additional info on perceptual distortions in combat, refer to,
Into The Kill Zone by Dr. David A. Klinger is highly recommended.
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